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Local Matters.

A NEWPORT COTTAGE ROBBED.

Thirty-seven pounds of Silver Plate recovered—Two men in jail to answer to the Orifice.

Late on Thursday afternoon of last week, City Marshal Brayton received a telegraphic communication at police headquarters from Detective Parker of Providence, to the effect, that a suspicious person possessed of stolen goods had been arrested there and asking if any robbery had been committed here. To the question the Marshal said he thought not, as none had been reported. A few minutes later, however, Mr. Davis A. Patt arrived at the Station and reported that in the unoccupied cottage in his charge on Red Cross avenue, belonging to Wm. C. Rivers of Boston, had been entered and the contents of a trunk stolen. On receipt of this information Mr. Brayton hastened to the telephone and, calling the Providence detective, informed him that a robbery had been committed and asked him to "hold his man."

Mr. Rivers has not occupied his cottage this season, but, with his family, having been spending the summer in Virginia, and the trunk which was robbed was one sent a short time ago by Mr. Rivers to his agent, Mr. Patt, with instructions to have it put in his house here. Mr. Patt knew nothing of the contents of the trunk and simply did as requested. The house was well fastened up as is shown by the fact that four windows in the lower story successfully resisted the endeavors of the burglars to enter on that floor. The entrance was gained through a window in the second story, a sufficient force being brought to bear under the lower arch to break the fastening at the top.

Believing that the goods referred to by Officer Parker were those taken from the trunk, Capt. Hammond went to Providence Friday morning and returned in the evening with the "suspicious person" and the goods found in his possession when called to account by Detective Parker. The man was Richard Clayton and has been employed at Geo. H. Carr's stable on Caleb Earle street in this city during the summer. The stolen property found in Clayton's possession consisted of two vials containing solid silver table ware to the value of from \$1000 to \$1500. The two vials were marked "G. W. S." and "G. W. R." respectively, and undoubtedly belong to Mrs. Grace W. Rivers née Sours. The weight of the silver recovered was thirty-seven pounds, twenty pounds of which were forks and spoons. Whether this was all that was stolen is not yet known.

The information received by City Marshal Brayton implicated one John H. McCusker, alias Gentleman Jack, who lived with his mother at 45 William street in this city. The patrolmen were notified that his presence was detected at the Station House, and shortly before noon on the Thursday mentioned he was seen by Officer Dunbar who informed him that the City Marshal wished to see him at the Station House. He offering no objection Mr. Dunbar took him without an arrest.

Saturday morning both prisoners were taken before Judge Baker and pleading not guilty were held in the sum of \$3000 each for an examination yesterday when they were adjudged probably guilty and remanded to jail to await the action of the grand jury in November.

"Gentleman Jack" is also charged with having stolen two harnesses, one from Mr. Chas. S. Murray and the other from Mr. Hinman Murray of this city. The harnesses were sold by Clayton to his employer, Mr. Carr, who promptly turned the property over as soon as he learned it was stolen.

It has been discovered that the Blatchford cottage had also been robbed, many articles of value, including a French clock, mirrors, Turkish rugs, etc., having been recovered from pawnbrokers in Providence, and it is thought that the timely arrest of these rascals will prevent the carrying out of well-laid plans for winter burglarizing in Newport.

"The Sliket Tie that Blinds two Willing Hearts."

On Tuesday last our general friend and the extremely popular steamboat captain, George H. Kelley, of the Continental line of steamers, was united in the bond of Matrimony to Miss Ann E. Giese, until recently one of the teachers in the public schools of this city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Hollingshead, pastor of the First Methodist Church, at the residence of the bride, and in the presence of numerous friends of the happy pair, all of whom, with others, wish them a long and happy union. Later in the evening they left for New York, Springfield, etc., where they will pass the honeymoon with relatives and friends.

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**WASHINGTON COMMANDERY No. 4,
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.**

Its Pilgrimage through Providence, Worcester, Springfield and Albany to New York—Festivities all along the line—Fine Weather, Fine Scenery, and Everything Lovely.

HUDSON RIVER BY DAYLIGHT, Oct. 1, 1883

Washington Commandery No. 4, Knights Templar, who left Newport Tuesday morning for a five days' pilgrimage through Massachusetts and New York, have had one continuous ovation in every city in which they have halted. The weather has been delightful, the scenery along the line charming, and everything has conduced to make the forty odd Sir Knights in a pleasant frame of mind from the start, and furnish for them an excursion never to be forgotten.

The courtesies of one brother Sir Knights

on reaching Providence. Here we were met by a committee of St. John's and Knights Commandery, and escorted to their Asylum, where we found upwards of a hundred Sir Knights drawn up in line to receive us.

Washington Commandery was cordially welcomed to the sister Capital by Joseph O. Earle, of St. John's, and invited to partake of a generous collation to cheer them on their way. After the collation, Col. N. Van Slyck, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, gave the boys an eloquent address, bidding them God speed on their pleasant journey.

The beauty of the Blackstone, with its ever changing scenery, never looked finer. Thanks to the active interest taken by Superintendent Chamberlain of the Providence & Worcester Road, and Sir Knight O. H. Briggs of Pawtucket, the Assistant Passenger Agent, every provision had been made for the comfort of the forty. Two fine cars of the Boston & Albany road went to Providence for our use, which were at our disposal throughout the entire trip. The building measures on the ground 30x33 feet and is built entirely of rocky granite with brown stone trimmings. A huge tower three stories high with a handsome flail of copper, forms the northwest corner of the building. Extending along the entire front of the structure, and about two-thirds the way back on the sides, is a circular terrace twelve feet deep. This is also of granite with the railings cased with brown stone. At the main entrance in front, just at the right of the tower, is a handsome porticoed entrance, the roof of which is a solid stone slab, measuring 12x15 feet, and weighing six tons. The portico, which is reached from the porticoed entrance by stone steps, is roofed with one solid slab twelve feet square which weighs a little less than two tons, it not being nearly as thick as the first slab. The interior of the building is to be finished throughout in white oak with the wainscoting and ceilings of the rooms in the lower story in panel work. Each room is supplied with both gas and Edison's electric light, and open fireplaces are put in most of the rooms, although the building is to be heated by steam.

The main hall 27x73 feet and will be elegantly finished. The first door to the right, as you enter the hall, opens into the drawing-room which is 20x12 feet.

This room, on the front, is a handsome bay window the top of which on the outside, forms a balcony for the room above. The second room on this side of the hall, and connected with the drawing room, is the library, 16x20 feet, which looks out upon Parker avenue.

The first door on the left of the hall opens into the tower which forms a circular room twelve feet in diameter; this is to be of the dining-hall. The dining-hall is also on the left of the main hall and measures twenty feet square. These rooms are all wainscoted in oak paneling four-and-a-half feet high and the ceilings are also of oak paneling. Back of the dining-room is the butler's pantry, etc., the kitchen and laundry being in the basement. The second and third stories are for sleeping apartments, etc. The room in the tower over the office is a boudoir and is connected with the sleeping room over the hall. The third room in the tower is a smoking room. There are seven bath-rooms in the house as well as a generous supply of closets, etc., and the whole arrangements show an object of comfort and convenience regardless of the expense. To guard against cracked walls, which so often disfigure the rooms after a fire, the plaster is applied with permission from their parents and the balance tenants, but only two or three habitual tenants under the tenancy law. It was voted that the tenancy officer report to the superintendent for instructions until other arrangements be made.

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NEW VILLAS FOR 1884.

Preparations for a busy winter—Activity among the Architects, Carpenters and Masons—Three Villas for Bellevue Avenue—Edison's Electric Light to illuminate a Newport Residence.

Newport's fame as a place of summer resort is world-wide and nothing can be written in regard to her charms as such that is not already known. The thousands of people who seek her cooling shores during the heated term form a unit in praise of her healthful climate and beautiful surroundings until she is known all over the world as "The Eden of America," and the elegant villas which have been and are continually being built upon her beautiful shores are the permanent summer homes of the most wealthy and cultured of American citizens are proof that the fame she has acquired will be permanent.

There are several new houses now in course of construction and ground is being broken almost daily for others, while the architects are unusually busy on plans not yet given out. Among the more advanced of these palatial residences, to be ready for occupancy next season, are William G. Wohl's of Boston, J. W. Eliza and Dr. O. M. Bell's of New York.

Mr. Wohl's is a two-story house with large galleries on each of the four sides. It is centrally located upon a large lot at the corner of Bellevue and Parker avenues, and fronts on the former. The building measures on the ground 30x33 feet and is built entirely of rocky granite with brown stone trimmings.

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handsome flail of copper, forms the northwest corner of the building, which is 27x73 feet. It is to be built of pressed brick, trimmed with brown stone and profusely ornamented with terra cotta. It will be two stories high with innumerable galleries, gables and dormer windows. These will be ornamented with hand-made design in terra cotta and a belt of terra cotta four feet will extend around the building between the two stories.

On the water front is a broad, circular veranda of stone with heavy stone railings, from which is obtained a magnificent view of Old Ocean and the rugged cliffs along the shore.

At the main entrance, on the avenue front, the portico is elaborately ornamented with terra cotta in appropriate design.

Passing up the broad stone steps you enter a spacious hall elegantly finished in hard wood, with a tile floor, and extending through the building to the veranda on the water side. Connected with the library, which is on the avenue side of the right of the hall, is a large fireproof strong room.

On the left of the hall, also on the avenue side, is a morning room. The dining room and parlor are large, airy rooms, located on the left and right of the hall respectively, and opening upon the veranda on the water side. The dining room has a large bay window.

When completed this will be one of the most elaborate and situated as it is, both upon the water and the avenue, pleasantly located of Newport villas. Charles Murray of New York is the architect, and C. H. Peckham of this city, the builder.

The School Committee.

The regular monthly meeting of this committee was held at the Superintendent's home in Clark street Monday evening. President, L. D. Davis; Chaffman; A. B. Sherman; Wm. E. Ormond; T. T. Carr; Philip Rider; Rev. Warren Randolph; W. A. Stedman; John Gilpin; John G. Weaver; and John H. Ouzzens; Sup't, Geo. A. Littlefield, Secretary.

The Superintendent's recommendation that

to obtain a place on the roll of honor a pupil must have an average of 90 with not less than 90 in arithmetic, was adopted.

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Reminiscences of the Rebellion.

A few days since the schooner *Hillow* arrived at this port from an eastern port with a cargo of lime for Mr. James B. Finch. There is nothing remarkable in this fact, but it carries in memory back to a time that tried men's souls.

In August, 1864, the privateer

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Poetry.

Forgive and Forget.

Forgive and forget; it is better
To sing every feeling noble,
Than show the deep underlying fitter
Of revenge in the heart to abide,
For the step through life's path shall
be lighter.

When the load from thy bosom is cast;
And the sky that's above thee be brighter,
When the cloud of suspense has passed;

Though the spirit swell high with emotion
To dive back in justice again
Let it sink in oblivion's ocean.

For remembrance increases the pain.
And why should we linger in sorrow,
When its shadow is passing away?

Or seek to encounter to-morrow
The blast that's over swept us to-day?

Oh, memory's a varying river,
And though it may fluctuate glib
When the numberless of joy o'er it quiver,
It shows when the storm meets its tide.

Then stir not its current to madness,
For its wrath will yet regret;

Though the morning beams break on the
radiant.

Be the sun, forgive and forget.

Autumn Thoughts.

By FRANCIS W. HUTCH.

Where has the summer sped?

Say, whither away?

Low lies the toads dead

All round our way;

Lowly the brooklets sing,

Gloom all embrown;

Sublime no radiance fling,

Dark hang the clouds,

Darkly ye speak to me,

Leaves brown and bare,

Blowing foolish dreams to flee,

Calling forth a loath,

Let me a lesson learn

From fallen leaf and flower;

The rain from the earth to turn;

Hasten the hour

When youth, its pleasures o'er,

Shall be no more.

Now, in its summer days,

Life'll improve;

Then, through its whiny ways

Tranquilly more,

Looking to the Holy One

To guide me in the way

That leads from flowers of earth

To those that bloom for aye.

Selected Tale.

RUTH AND NAOMI.

"I'm sure I don't know what to do about it," said Mr. Griggs, hopelessly, scratching his ear with the feather end of his quill pen.

It was a glorious August day at Berry Four Corners. The mullein-studded pastures were baked with heat; the closed cups of the morning glories hung disconsolately among the withering leaves, while the cattle stood knee-deep in the bilberry river, where pollard willows made a friendly shade.

At the town houses, however, there was no such luxury as trees. Trees shaded the cabbage field; their roots drew all the strength out of the garden soil, where onions, potatoes and sugar beets were to be grown, and their leafage made a green mound on the roofs. The town house was meant for use, not show, and the selectmen had no nonsensical scruples on the subject of beauty; and as the sun came in, like the breath of a fiery dragon, through the uncurtained casement, and smote Mr. Griggs, the superintendent, on the very crest of his bald head.

"Pull down the widow abode, some body!" said Mr. Griggs, writhing uneasily in his chair. "Oh, dear! oh, dear! I wish Mrs. Bibb was here. She knows!"

"What is the man calling about?" said Mrs. Griggs, hustling in from an adjoining room. "Don't you know that Demas Dodd is waiting?"

"Take the books for yourself," said the superintendent, pushing a huge pile of folios toward his better half. "What is one to do? There was two of 'em left on the doorstep the same night. We called one Ruth, and the other Naomi; and we surnamed her Snow, because it was an awful stormy night. The epiphelial, don't you remember? And here's Demas Dodd says one of 'em is his daughter, and he wants her; and Mrs. Bibb is gone to bury her second son. And how in the name of all creation be I to tell which was which?"

"Let him pick and choose for himself," said Mrs. Griggs, impatiently. "Tell him just how it was."

"No," said Mr. Griggs, authoritatively. "That would derogate from the dignity of the town superintendent. I ain't to be took unawares like that. I ain't to be supposed that the town house authorities can be mistaken."

"Stuff and nonsense!" said Mrs. Griggs. "We're all human, ain't we? But if you feel like that, why, flip up a penny. If it comes up heads, say Naomi; if it's tails, say Ruth."

And she produced a copper cent on the spot, twirling it nimbly on the table.

For a second or two it spun around—then fell heavily on its side, revealing the expressive lineaments of the Goddess of Liberty.

"Heads!" said Mrs. Griggs. "Send Naomi down to him. And I ain't sorry, for Naomi was always a careless, flighty thing, and Ruth is dreadful bony with the house lines and men's ways."

"We can't do no better by him," said Mrs. Griggs. "And if a man hasn't no more natural affection than to leave his own daughter on the doorstep such an awful stormy night as that—"

"It wasn't him; it was old Miss Dugdale, his wife's aunt," explained

the superintendent of the town poor. "You see, he was awful down in the world, and he had gone to the Azores to gather yams to make a cough cure should knock everybody's colds into the middle of next year. And when he heard the child was dead he hadn't no heart to come back. And he never knew she was livin' until old Miss Dugdale made an affidavit on her death-bed, and it was sent to him by the lawyers. And here he is now."

"And here's a grown-up daughter for him," said Mrs. Griggs, curiously. "And he'll be suited, and we're suited, and I dare say Naomi'll be suited, and nobody need ever be no wiser."

With which astounding succession of double negatives the discussion was terminated.

Naomi was a pretty, blue-eyed girl of seventeen, who was to have been "bound out" the very next week to the clergyman's family.

Ruth was a dimpled, smiling brunet, whom all the little children instinctively sought in times of trouble, and who was Mrs. Griggs' right-hand woman. And the two solitary young things had always loved each other like twin sisters.

"I wish papa could take us both," sobbed Naomi, with her arms thrown around Ruth's neck.

"Don't hunt at such a thing," said Mrs. Griggs, indignantly.

"And after all," said Ruth, who always saw the counseling side of things, we can see each other often. And isn't it exactly like a novel, that your father should come back to claim you after all these years?"

So Naomi went to the pretty old brick house which Demas Dodd, who had contrived to make a fortune out of his "Oriental Cough Cure," had purchased—a picturesque old place, mantled with ivy, where there was an ancient garden, full of sweet williams and bluebells, and wandering tendrils of clematis; where monster pear trees hung their penance across the bordering paths.

A Southern Rip Van Winkle.
"LEAVES" STILL HELD ON A FORGOTTEN ALABAMA PLANTATION.

Last summer, on my way from Florida to Selma, Alabama, writes a correspondent of the N. Y. Tribune, I determined to make a part of the journey on horseback for the benefit of my health. I was unacquainted with the country, and so was the clergyman with whom I spent a night soon after I started. However, he produced an ancient map, and by its aid I chose the "Bottoms road" from Andalusia to Greenville, a distance of eighty-three miles, according to the same well meaning guide. I had no idea that the "Bottoms road" was unused, until I had ridden perhaps twenty miles and left the last cabin behind me. But the weather was fine, and I would not turn back. When the first night came without the sign of a habitation, I tethered my horse, rolled myself in a blanket, and slept on the ground.

All the next day I rode, and saw not a house, nor a human being. At six o'clock, when I had already made up my mind to spend another night in solitude, I came upon a roadside campfire, beside which a negro sat. Of all colored men that I have met, this one was the fittest, gresiest and happiest. He gave me a bow as I stopped.

"Good evenin' to you massa!" he saluted.

"Good evening," I returned. "Can you tell me how far I am from the nearest house?"

"It's a pow'ful distance to walk," the fellow grinned.

"And who lives there when you get there?" I questioned, after vainly trying to get the distance in miles, or at least in length of time.

"Old mars," he lit dar!" was the answer; and further questioning elicited the information that "old mars," was another name for Mars? George Wiltie, that I was then on the border of his plantation; that his residence was several miles distant; that the negro was yept "Sam;" that he resided with "old mars," and that he was down dis way spokin' to see if dar couldn't be timber cut in dis seck-shun." I was soon camping by his fire, with my horse feeding by the grass.

LIKE MASTER LIKE SLAVE.
In ten minutes I made up my mind that "Sam" was the most ignorant of Africans. Could he tell me how far I had travelled since the yesterday morning? He had no idea. How far to the next town? Didn't know; never heard of a next town. How far to the nearest neighbor? Didn't spesk there was any nearest neighbor now. Mars' Peleton used to be nearest, but his house was burned these dozen years.

"But surely you know the result of the rebellion?"

He struck the table with his clenched fist, exclaiming excitedly, "I tell you once more that I do not know what has been done, and I do not care!"

"I see that you suppose that the secession was successful?"

"Suppose it!" I have never thought," he replied. "A well-made scheme is always successful. Though little I care for citizenship, I am proud to be a citizen of the Confederate States."

"Why," I said, "do you not know that the civil war resulted in suppression of the rebellion? The secession was a failure."

The man glared at me and said nothing.

"You spoke of slaves," I continued. "You do not pretend to own slaves now, do you?"

He glared more fiercely, and did not answer.

"There are no slaves in America," I continued. "Every slave in the

country, I can't be happy without Naomi."

Mr. Dodd smiled. A tender softness came into his eyes.

"That's what I was thinking myself, Ruth," said he. "Shall I go after her?"

"Oh, pop!" cried the girl, ecstatically. "If you only would!"

Toward evening Dennis Dodd came back to the old red brick house with Naomi sitting beside him in the pony phaeton.

Ruth ran to meet her, and in half a minute the girls were clasped in each other's arms.

"Oh, Naomi—my Naomi!" cried Ruth. "I have been building such a castle in the air."

"Have you?" said Naomi. "What is it?"

"You are to stay here forever," said Ruth. "Because you know, dear, we can't be separated from each other. Papa will fall in love with you. He can't help it. And he will ask you to be his wife, and—"

"Oh, Ruth! Ruth!" cried Naomi, clasping her hand on the other's mouth. "You are a veritable fortune teller. We were married this morning."

Ruth uttered a little outcry of joy, and showered kisses on Naomi's forehead, lips and throat.

"Oh, I am so glad!" she exclaimed. "I am so glad!"

And it is not probable that a stepmother ever received a warmer welcome than Ruth accorded to her that day.

The troublous question was settled satisfactorily at last. Ruth and Naomi were happy and so was Dennis Dodd.

And the whole thing went to prove that romance may be evolved, even from the stone walls of a town poor house.

A Southern Rip Van Winkle.
"LEAVES" STILL HELD ON A FORGOTTEN ALABAMA PLANTATION.

Naomi's young life seemed to expand within it, like a daffodil in the sunshine. And Dennis Dodd, himself scarcely forty, was so gentle, so refined, so companionable.

"Papa," cried Naomi, who was an impetuous little creature, and always spoke out her thoughts and feelings, "you are so nice! I don't think I ever loved any one as much as I love you!"

And yet there was a certain shadow of awe in the girl's manner toward him.

"What is it?" Naomi asked herself. "I am not afraid of him. Do all girls feel so toward their father? But then I haven't known papa all my life. Of course that accounts for it. It's simple enough when one comes to think of it."

Demas Dodd's daughter had scarcely dwelt in her new home a month when a grey, ill-spelled note arrived from Mr. Griggs, the superintendent of the poor house.

"He wants me to come down there," said Mr. Dodd. "I wonder what for?"

"Papa, can't I go too?" asked Naomi.

"Not this time," Mr. Dodd responded gently, "but perhaps I will bring Ruth back with me to spend the day—if Mrs. Griggs can spare her."

The superintendent was sitting up in state before his ledgers and account books when Mr. Dodd was shown into the reception room.

"Mrs. Bibb has come home," said the superintendent. "Mrs. Bibb is our master."

"Has she?" said Mr. Dodd. "But I am at a loss to know how that fact can possibly affect us."

"She has opened our eyes," said Mr. Griggs, with a flourish of his left hand.

"Oh!" said Mr. Dodd.

"Prepare yourself," said the superintendent. "We've been mistook—Naomi's the wrong one. Mrs. Bibb knows. She brings 'em up both by hand. Naomi belongs to the old brick-maker, who fell into the kiln and broke his neck sixteen years ago. Truth is truth! And I ain't the man willing to deceive my fellow creatures, not if it was law to. Naomi's the wrong one, and Ruth is your master, Mr. Dodd."

Mrs. Bibb, an elderly female, with a double-nose and a succession of double chin, was called to give her testimony, and it was incontrovertible.

"I am very sorry for this," said Mr. Dodd, gravely. "I have grown very fond of Naomi."

"Ruth's a deal handier about the house," interposed Mr. Griggs. "Naomi always was a feather-headed creature. She's got a pretty face, and that's all."

"And you all continue living with him the same as before you were freed?"

"We ain't freed!" declared the paragon of ignorance; and now I came to the conclusion that he was a fool. Out of patience, I fixed my look at the night and placed my pistol at my pillow. In the morning the negro was not to be found, and I was more and more convinced of his insanity, and had him in mind as I rode onward.

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Still he glared, and then he spoke.

"Are you from New York?"

"I am from Massachusetts," I answered.

"You are a fool," he said. "When Sam came home at midnight saying that a crazy man had met him in the bottom lands, I know whom to expect. Sam ran away from you last night because he saw you were crazy. But I thought then and know now that you are a Northern scoundrel. You have come here to snuff me with fire."

Keeping my temper as well as I could, I looked him square in the face.

"Mr. Wilbur," I said,

The Newport Mercury.

John P. SANBORN, Editor and Proprietor.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1883.

Does harmony harmonize? is the question the New York politicians are earnestly asking about these times.

Edmonds and Miller (of California) is the ticket that pleases many of the large newspapers of the country. They might go further and fare worse.

It is said that Butler is casting about to find some one to take the second place on his Democratic Presidential ticket, which he expects to see blossom out after the next Democratic National Convention.

The project for a new City Hall for Newport is being again agitated. It is a good subject for agitation, and will probably stand considerable of it before the people vote the required funds for such a building.

The Secretary of War wants more money for military purposes. He will recommend that the annual appropriation for the militia be increased from \$200,000 to \$600,000, and that the apportionment be made on the basis of 600 militia for each congressional district.

There will probably be two democratic tickets in the field in New York city. The county democracy and the Tammany crowd cannot agree. Both are anxious for the spoils of office and as they both have a large number of hungry followers that must be rewarded, the supply of offices will not go around, consequently, as usual in New York parties, "there is fun ahead."

A great benefactor to the Massachusetts press,—Governor Butler. If you don't believe it, just pick out any Massachusetts paper you can find about these days, and see if you can find any editorials upon any other subject but Butler. That name has the same effect upon the average editor of the Bay State as a red rag does on an enraged bull.

Women suffrage in Massachusetts is apparently not making much headway among the women themselves. It is said that less than one per cent. of the women take the trouble to qualify, and the number grows less every year. In Boston this year only about three hundred have qualified out of over 50,000 women in that city. And in the smaller towns the number is less.

The Fall River Mills employ some fourteen hundred children under sixteen years of age being about ten per cent. of all the operatives in all the factories in that city. The laws of Massachusetts forbid that children under 16 shall be employed in the mills unless they attend school at least twenty weeks during the year. An investigation would not seem to be amiss to learn how many of the mill owners are violating that law.

King Alfonso evidently did a good thing in going to France to get insulted, when he left Spain his people were discontented and in some parts of his kingdom there was open insurrection. Those of more liberal ideas were greatly disturbed at the prospect of an alliance with Germany, and the King himself could not have been in happy frame of mind. But as soon as the French insult to their King was known the pride of the Spaniard was touched to the quick, and when the King returns home all his subjects greet him enthusiastically. French blunders have this time done much to prop up the Spanish throne and give Alfonso a secure seat thereon.

The great organ of the manufacturers in this State is busily at work trying to pick flaws with the new truant law lately passed by the General Assembly of this State. Of course the manufacturers do not like it, that is a certain class of them who care more for the few dollars they save by employing children in their mills, than they do for the interests of the State. But notwithstanding their opposition the law is a large step in the right direction. It may not be perfect, no law is perfect; and its literal enforcement may occasionally work a hardship, but the tremendous percentage of ignorance in this State compared with all the other Northern States, is evidence that something must be done in caring for the education of the children of the State. Four thousand children of school age in the city of Providence who never see the inside of a school house, furnish strong illustrations of the need of the law just put in force throughout the State.

The latest reports from Iowa give Sherman a majority of 30,000 with a plurality of 12,000. The Republicans will probably have a majority of fourteen in the lower house and thirty odd in the Senate. Judge Cook was elected in the sixth district by a small majority. In Ohio, the liquor element assisted by the break between the Prohibitionists and the Republican party, proved too strong for the latter. Judge Headly, the Democratic candidate, is probably elected Governor by 12,000 majority. The legislature is also credited with having a small Democratic majority.

The Boston Herald: The New Hampshire Legislature exempted domestic fowl from taxation. There were lots of geese in that body, and they looked out for their relatives.

Education in the South.

A few years since the amount of ignorance extant in most of the late slave States would almost rival that of even the wilds of Africa. During slavery times such a thing as a public school was unknown. The States did not appropriate a dollar for the education of its children, and as a result only the offspring of the rich planters received any education, and that often of a very superficial kind. Since the war a marked change has taken place, though there is room for vast improvement yet. Most of the Southern States have established public schools and made some provision for their support. Through the generosity of Geo. Peabody, a fund was established to aid the South in the work of education, and an efficient commission created to carry out the plans of the donor.

It is not probable that any equal number of citizens in the entire country have a better understanding of the need and the effects of educational aid at the South than that possessed by the trustees of the Peabody Fund. They are men of the highest eminence, the greatest ability and the purest patriotism. It has been their duty and their pleasure to apply to the cause of popular education in the South the proceeds of the more than princely benefaction of their countrymen. And they have found it to be a great stimulus to free schools and a higher education in that section.

In the report just made to the trustees of this fund the improved condition of things in the South is shown, and the report takes a very encouraging view of the educational situation there. Co-operation on the part of State officials, an increasing interest and attendance at the Teachers' Institute in the several States, a growing recognition of the alliance between industrial and mental training and more liberal appropriations for school purposes in some of the States are among the encouraging indications which are noticed. On the other hand, the frequent changes of school officers, often for political reasons, act to the injury of the schools; and there is in some of the States an unwise and suicidal discrimination between the races in the disbursement of school funds. North Carolina, Florida, Alabama and Texas are among the States from which favorable reports are received. Alabama has increased her appropriation for schools \$100,000, and has established two more Normal Schools, making six in all. The long struggle in Tennessee over the support of the Normal College has been ended by the enactment of a bill appropriating \$10,000 annually for the college, on the condition that the State shall allow scholarships on the same terms as they are granted to other States. The gloomiest report comes from Louisiana, where it is said that recent legislation leaves only \$69,702.45 to be appropriated for an entire year to the 290,036 children of the State between the ages of six and eighteen years. The expenditures from the Peabody Fund in the Southern States during the year amounted to \$71,175, which was distributed in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.

Death of Capt. Benjamin Tallman of Portsmouth.

The subject of this brief sketch was born in Portsmouth, April 21st, 1807; and consequently at the time of his death, which occurred on Tuesday last (9th) he was 76 years, 5 months and 18 days old. He was naturally very strong in body, and was engaged actively in business until a little over a year ago, when he was laid low by a stroke of paralysis from which he never entirely recovered. He was for many years engaged in the fishing business, and we believe he was the pioneer of trap fishing, which has for several years been violently opposed in our General Assembly, in the interest of the "hook and liners." His arguments before the body generally prevailed. For upwards of sixty years he was a prominent member of the Methodist church in his native town, and in his death the church have lost one of their most faithful members, one who was always among the foremost in every good word and work. He was also a prominent member of Eureka Lodge, No. 22, A. F. & A. M., also of Aquidneck Chapter, also of Sea Side Lodge, I. O. O. F. In fact Capt. Tallman was one of the most prominent men in Portsmouth, where he has held several offices of trust, and honor, and his death leaves a void not easily filled.

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It being the tenth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dunn, their beautiful villa on Coddington Point was invaded Monday evening by upwards of a hundred of their friends. Congratulations and tin ware in abundance were bestowed upon the starred couple, after which a most delightful evening was enjoyed by all. An ample collation was served and music and dancing were features of the entertainment.

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WASHINGTON GOSSIP.
The Next Speakership—Hungry Politicians—Fun for New Members—Southerners Noted and Hungry.WASHINGTON, October 6, 1883.
The near approach of the session of Congress has not all the politicians present in Washington, and all the officials, clerks, and others directly interested in party complications to gossiping over the immediate probabilities. The question which is discussed most, in the office section, in the Hotel lobby, or on the street corners, in fact everywhere, where men meet, is as to who will be Speaker. The canvass, for this important post, doubly important because a Presidential election will occur during its incumbency, is now very active, though it has been going on in the way of a still hunt ever since the result of the last election showed a democratic victory. Randall, Carlile, Cox and a perfect host of others, are in the field as candidates and the excitement is becoming intense. The chances of each favorite are excitedly figured up, and according to the prejudices of the talker this one or that one is sure of a majority of votes. Mr. Randall and Mr. Cox are already here, and have selected their headquarters at different hotels, where they keep "open house" until the canvass is ended. It will be a glorious occasion for the new members when they arrive, for they will probably be met at the train and informed that their expenses are all paid, including the bar, and all they have to do is to put up at the Hotel where Mr. Randall or Mr. Cox or Mr. Carlile is located, and order what they want, and have it charged to the candidate's bill. It is even said that Mr. Cox with characteristic ingenuity is going to offer special inducements to voters for him, whether it will be in the nature of a chrono, or a cake of soap, it remains to be seen. But undoubtedly it will be a novelty. There is no serious belief that Mr. Cox will be elected. He has part of the New York delegation in his favor, and if the South breaks up as it is said it may do he may get a large vote from there. But his chief expectation is to secure the Chairmanship of the leading committee to exchange for his support to the winning man. Talking with a well informed official of the House, the latter said that Carlile was sure of 191 votes on the first ballot. He had been assured of this fact by the Kentucky member himself; but as Mr. Randall has also asserted that he has over 200 votes pledged to his support, and Mr. Cox has some 60 or more, it is quite certain that there is a tie somewhere. As far as can be ascertained very few of the Southern members have made any promises, but have deferred pledging themselves until they meet together. The Southerners for some reason or other are more solid than their Northern brethren, that is to say, they will act together for some particular favorite with more certainty. Carlile has many good things among the Southern members, but he also has some bitter enemies. Blackburn has withdrawn from active opposition to him, the result of a political bargain, but he may at the same time take occasion to get rid of his dangerous rival by organizing a disastrous defeat for him. Mr. Randall is very strong among Northern Democratic members, but owing to the fact that the Southern men are making no pledges the balance of power may be turned against him even in the hour of victory. The quality which leads the most strength to his candidature is his long experience as Speaker and his firmness of character. His weak points are his views on the tariff and the protective policy of his State, which are considered antagonistic to the agricultural people which the Southerners represent. The candidates for the minor offices of the House are working early and late for their places. As they have not come to the surface yet it is impossible to tell what their prospects are. Most of the names mentioned as candidates for Clerk, Doorkeeper, Postmaster, etc., are Southern men of local reputation. But the Southern men will come up with bargains in their hands, the price of their being offices for their friends. There will be no civil service pretenses or theories in their minds. Politics is a game which they play for what there is in it, namely, the fat offices. "Let us carry the next Presidential election," said the same Democratic official, "and we will leave the Civil Service Commissioners to feed on air, and practice their fine spun theories among the angels."

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The new steamship, the Alameda, built by William Cramp & Co., at Philadelphia, for the Oceanic Steamship Co.'s line between San Francisco and the Hawaiian Islands, has arrived safely at San Francisco, having made remarkably quick time during her voyage, as the following memorandum will show:

Sailed from Philadelphia, August 3 at 8:15 A. M.; anchored off Straits of Magellan Aug. 20 at 8:15 P. M.; left same place Aug. 30 at 6:21 A. M.; arrived at Sandy Point the same day at 2:05 P. M.; sailed from Sandy Point at 6:15 A. M., Aug. 31; at 8 A. M. passed out of the Straits of Magellan, and arrived at Valparaiso, Sept. 4, at 3:15 P. M. Time 29 days, 19 hours, 32 minutes. Left Valparaiso September 5 at 6:10 P. M.; arrived at San Francisco Sept. 22 at 4:20 P. M. Time of voyage 47 days, 20 hours, 17 minutes. Last detention, 7 hours, 23 minutes. Running time, 45 days, 16 hours. Fastest day's run 342 knots. The run from Valparaiso was the fastest ever recorded, being 16 days and 22 hours.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

From all Parts of the World.

Murders at Dances.

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DODGE CITY, Kan., Oct. 8.—One Smith, the proprietor of a colored dance house, and a man named Hillman, a cattle owner, quarreled over a colored damsel. Smith jumping over the counter was shot dead by Hillman, who in turn was killed by a bystander.

HARRISBURG, Ky., Oct. 8.—Richard Gaunt (colored) killed Burne Jordan (also colored) at a ball at midnight, Saturday night, for a trivial offence.

Shot His Brother's Wife.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Oct. 9.—Wm. H. Hale, of Chester, fired three shots at Mrs. Maxon Hale, his brother's wife, Tuesday afternoon. The third time he hit her in the arm, but she was not seriously wounded. He declines to tell why he did it.

An Old Blast Explodes.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Oct. 8.—Conrad Burkh and three Italians were killed, yesterday, at Macedon, on the West Shore Road, by the explosion of an old blast which they were removing, and seven others injured.

A Southern Murder.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., Oct. 8.—Policeman Street, while trying to arrest two negro thieves, to-day, was seized by one of them and held while the other split his head open with an axe, killing him instantly. A posse is in pursuit of the murderers and determined to lynch them.

Murder in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 8.—This evening, Sadie Haines, a notorious prostitute, fatally shot Police Sergeant Jeuckles, while he was attempting to arrest her.

A Young Farmer Murdered.

LAWRENCE, Kan., Oct. 8.—William Sullivan, a young farmer, came to this city Saturday with a load of wheat. After selling it and receiving the money he started for home. When the team reached home he was found dead, with a bullet hole through his head. The money was still on his person.

Fatal Thunderbolts.

HERMANN, Mo., Oct. 9.—Lightning struck the house of C. Jure, in Traverse county, yesterday, killed two children and fatally injured a boy. It also struck the house of a blacksmith at Doremel, killing his wife and fatally injuring two children.

The Virginia Bond Question.

The decision of the United States Supreme Court at its last term as to the legality of the coupons of Virginia bonds as tenders for the payment of State taxes, seems to have been variously understood by the Virginia judges, and as a result a new set of cases has been brought before this court. The suits are all against the city treasurer of Richmond. United States Judge Bond holds that the coupons are a legal tender for taxes, and he will enjoin the collectors from levying after a tender of coupons. Under this decision all persons who owe as much as \$5 are practically exempted from the payment of taxes. The State judges hold that the taxes must first be paid in money, and that there must be a suit by the tax-payer to recover his money, as the State laws require. Both parties to the appeal have asked that the case might be advanced upon the docket. The defendant in error represents that he cannot know his rights and duties as Collector of State taxes until the questions involved are decided. On one side the statutes of the State forbid him to receive coupons, and command him to levy on tax-payers' property; on the other hand, the United States Circuit Court informs him that coupons are a legal tender, and tax-payers threaten to sue him for trespass if he levies on their property. This condition of things exists in every county in the State. The Court has the matter under advisement.

The cause of prohibition has made wonderful progress in Georgia. A correspondent of the Louisville Courier-Journal says there are 87 counties in the State where a man can not buy, beg or steal a drink of whiskey, and none can be purchased in the State, except in some of the larger towns. The same condition of things exists in Mississippi, where billiard tables are \$1000 apiece, under the belief that they are a device for the encouragement of drinking.

AN EXTRACT FROM HIS LETTER.

The following note was picked up on the street the other day.

"DEAR MILLIE":—You have heard the saying, "coming events cast their shadows before," and looking forward to the important event in both our lives, I have been studying as to how we can best furnish our new home. There is one item here whose stock of furniture is simply magnificent, their new styles are beautiful, and prices very low. I will drive over for you to-morrow and you shall select whatever you want at the Newport Furniture Co., 16 Washington Square.

NOTE BY THE PROPRIETORS.

Mutual benefit may be derived from your patronage, if you favor us with us, we, of course, do business to make money; but, at the same time, we deal on the system of small margins and large sales. We benefit our many patrons by supplying them with the best at prices which others do not and cannot offer. Deal with us, because we give you the greatest values for your dollar.—NEWPORT FURNITURE CO.

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Capital stock paid in..... \$162,000 00

Surplus Fund..... 14,235 00

Undivided profits..... 8,885 32

National Bank notes outstanding..... 132,000 00

State Bank notes outstanding..... 1,864 02

Dividends unpaid..... 1,075 00

Individual deposits subject to check..... 127,722 51

Due to other National Banks..... 146 07

Total..... \$129,007 28

State of Rhode Island, County of Newport, ss.

I, J. S. Goggeshall, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. S. COUGHENOUR, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of Oct., 1883.

CHRISTOPHER M. LEFF.

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Correct—Attest—Geo. F. Crandall, Nath Roulford, William E. Crandall, Directors.

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Capital stock paid in..... \$162,000 00

Surplus Fund..... 14,235 00

Undivided profits..... 8,885 32

National Bank notes outstanding..... 132,000 00

State Bank notes outstanding..... 1,864 02

Dividends unpaid..... 1,075 00

Individual deposits subject to check..... 127,722 51

Due to other National Banks..... 146 07

Total..... \$129,007 28

State of Rhode Island, County of Newport, ss.

I, J. S. Goggeshall, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. S. COUGHENOUR, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of Oct., 1883.

CHRISTOPHER M. LEFF.

Notary Public.

Correct—Attest—Geo. F. Crandall, Nath Roulford, William E. Crandall, Directors.

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Avenue, will be open to the public. Pass-
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Newport, R. I., Oct. 2, 1883.
A SEMI ANNUAL DIVIDEND at the
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NEWPORT COUNTY NEWS.

PORTSMOUTH.

The regular monthly session of the Court of Probate was held in the town hall on Monday, 8th Inst. President Borden, in the chair, all the other members present. Joseph E. Wilbar, administrator with the will annexed on the estate of Samuel L. Crocker, late of Taunton, Mass., deceased, was granted liberty to sell the real estate of said Crocker, in Rhode Island at public auction, and gave bonds in the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, with James H. Anthony and William H. Fox as sureties; said Wilbar was also granted liberty to sell personal property of said Crocker, in Rhode Island, at private sale and at his discretion.

An inventory of the personal property of Stephen Slocum, late of Portsmouth, deceased, was received, allowed and ordered recorded.

Joseph B. Slocum, administrator on the estate of Stephen Slocum was granted liberty to sell the inventory at private sale, at not less than inventory prices.

An inventory of the personal property of the estate of Levi W. Cory, late of Portsmouth, was received, allowed and ordered recorded.

The guardian of Mary Ann Hibbs presented a petition, praying for liberty to sell real estate of his said ward, which was received and referred with an order of notice in this town.

Samuel A. Carter, administrator on the estate of William J. Carter, deceased, presented his final account for settlement; the same was received and referred with an order of notice in the town.

The widow of the late Levi W. Cory was allowed five hundred dollars from the inventory of his estate.

Action of the report of the commissioners on the estate of James D. Hall was postponed to the second Monday in November next.

IN TOWN COUNCIL.—The committee, heretofore appointed to lay out a new driveway on Prudence Island, appeared before this council and declined serving in said capacity.

The following bills against the town were allowed and orders on the town treasurer granted for their payment: Of Gideon Manchester, drawlender at Stone Bridge, \$25; of State Charlies, etc., for board of Perry Croucher, Harriet Cook, and Susan Brownell from July 1st to Oct. 1st, 1882, \$104.41; of Overseers of the Poor for relief to Oliver W. Barker, \$7.43; to Deborah Borden, \$12; to Alexander G. Barker, \$8; and Richmond Dennis, \$8; of Samuel Cory for repairs on town hall, 50 cents; of Abner B. Cory, Commissioner of Asylum to Oct. 6th, 1882, \$29.48; of Frederic U. Tallman for services as town sergeant, for notifying Benjamin Greene to bury a dead horse, 80 cents; of Henry Anthony, County Fees, \$2.50.

The appointment of a trustee officer was postponed to the second Monday in November next.

The following named persons were drawn to serve as grand jurors, Leonard W. Goffe and Charles E. Brownell; as petit jurors, William K. Boyd, Joseph G. Dennis and Charles I. Coggeshall at the November term of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Newport.

ITEMS.—Master Andrew Walker, who was ill for so many weeks with lock-jaw, has now fully recovered.

Mr. George Hathaway, while eating his dinner on Monday last, had a piece of meat caught in his throat, choking him. Dr. Benjamin Greene was sent for, who succeeded in relieving Mr. Hathaway.

The funeral services of Mrs. George Anthony were held in the Christian Church, on Wednesday last at 12 M., the Rev. C. E. Barrows of Newport officiating. The burial was immediately after the services in the cemetery near the church. Mrs. Anthony had been sick for several months.

The first social of the season will be given at "Oakland Hall" on Wednesday evening, 17th Inst., under the auspices of the Hall Committee. It is expected the Newport orchestra will furnish the music on this occasion.

JAMESTOWN.

MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE.—The Narragansett Ministerial Conference met at Wickford, on Tuesday last, for the first time since its summer recess. Reports from the several churches were given, and interesting vacation reminiscences listened to. Several papers were read before the Conference for open discussion. Rev. T. J. Jones of Allenton presented an essay relative to the Crusades, and Rev. B. G. Boardman of Hope Valley, an Exegesis of Matt. 10: 4-5, both of which were listened to with deep interest and freely discussed by the members of the Conference. In the afternoon the topic laid down for discussion, was the attitude of church members to modern amusements, was opened by Rev. F. W. Ryder of East Greenwich. A lively discussion then followed. In the evening Rev. T. S. Snow of Wakefield preached. The Conference adjourned to meet with Rev. B. G. Boardman in November, at Hope Valley.

ORDINATION.—The Ecclesiastical Council called by the Narragansett Baptist Church, at the South Ferry, to take into consideration the ordaining of Mr. J. L. Crane to the gospel ministry, convened with that church on Wednesday last, 10th Inst., at ten o'clock, a. m. After the council had been called to order it was duly organized by the election of Rev. J. Aldrich, the state missionary, as moderator, and Rev. F. W. Ryder of East Greenwich, as clerk. After the presenting of the credentials of the delegates, the action of the church, with reference to the call of that body. The candidate was then introduced to the council and related to them his Christian experience, and his reasons and feelings as regards his call to the ministry. Several questions on that point were asked and were readily and satisfactorily answered. The candidate then gave his views of Christian

doctrine in a clear, concise and very satisfactory manner. After being questioned by members of the council to their satisfaction, the council moved to proceed to the ordaining of him to the ministry. After this motion the council adjourned to half past one in the afternoon. During the interval the members of the council repaired to the home of Mrs. Knowles, and partook of a bountiful dinner. At half past one the council again met as per adjournment, and the following exercises were observed as reported by the committee appointed for that purpose, viz: Invocation by Rev. J. H. Edwards of Exeter; reading of Scriptures by Rev. Mr. Smith of Providence; prayer by Rev. T. S. Snow of Wakefield; sermon by Rev. S. J. Axell of Weymouth, Mass.; ordination prayer by Rev. Mr. Brathwaite of Block Island; with the laying on of hands by Revs. Axell, Aldrich and Carr; charge to candidate by Rev. B. G. Boardman of Hope Valley; hand of fellowship by F. J. Jones of Allenton; charge to the church, Rev. F. W. Ryder of East Greenwich, and benediction by the newly ordained pastor. The Narragansett church need to be congratulated in settling a pastor, and in the securing such a promising young man to be their teacher and under-shepherd as Mr. Crane.

NEW ENGLAND ITEMS.

RHODE ISLAND.

A letter by Roger Williams, dated Feb. 24, 1657, has been found by the Rhode Island Historical Society. Williams was president of the Providence plantation, and rebuked Arthur Frenner for rescuing, contrary to law, a Dutch prisoner from Massachusetts officials.

CONNECTICUT.

The monument about to be erected on the Gettysburg battlefield by the Society of the Fourteenth Connecticut will consist of three granite steps, surmounted by a square block of the same material, bearing a large trefoil of white marble representing the Second Division of the Second Army Corps. Metallic plates are to be inserted on the sides of the square block, and will bear appropriate inscriptions.

Louisa Tolcott of Hartford, Conn., had a pair of solitaire diamond earrings swept into a waste basket, the other day, and emptied into the range; she found them in the ashes, the stones unharmed, but the gold settings melted away.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Somebody who keeps back his name has offered to give \$5000 for a new town hall at Princeton. If the town will have the church and old horse sheds moved over to the site of the old town house and buy the lot on the hill, next to the library, for the new hall.

Captain Mowat of Middleborough, Mass., while crossing Lake Assawampsett in a boat with his son, sixteen years old, was capsized when about three miles from the shore, and as he could not swim, his son took the three-mile swim, procured a boat and rescued him. The accident happened at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and it was three o'clock when Captain Mowat was taken off. He says that another half-hour would have been more than he could have stood, as a tremendous northeast gale was blowing at the time.

At Northborough, Mass., Sunday morning, a man named Taylor, hailing from Brockton, but on a visit with his wife to the home of Richard Elyard, shot his wife and then blew out his own brains. The woman was induced to go into a field to see a woodchuck, and while there the shots were fired. The woman is expected to recover, the ball having entered her throat and coming out through the roof of her mouth. The man died instantly.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

In February, 1882, the centennial celebration of Washington's birth took place in Portsmouth. The surplus, after paying expenses, amounting to \$8.67, was deposited in the Portsmouth Savings Bank. The dividends to Jan. 1, 1882, brought the \$8.67 up to \$145.58. Somebody has figured that the sum will in 1882—the next centennial—be \$2800, a good start toward the celebration.

MAINE.

The close season on deer in Maine ended Sept. 30, but hunters are warned that dogs are forbidden, and the law permits any one to shoot a dog engaged in hunting. One person can only have in possession three deer. The animals are quite plenty, and last week one came almost into the Maine Central Railroad station at Costigan.

Ambrose Daggett, a young man working on the farm of David Greely of Liberty, Me., shot through the neck Miss Ella, a young daughter of Mr. Greely, at six o'clock Sunday evening, causing instant death. Young Daggett immediately went into an orchard near the house, and, putting a bullet through his own head, instantly expired. Jealousy was the cause of the murder and suicide. Daggett had been partially deranged at times.

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